

**4-D****Questions: The Battleground of the Mind**

- LUK 24:38** He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? (NIV)  
**MAT 16:8** But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? (NKJ)
- 2CO 4:3** But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (NKJ)  
\* **What part** of an unbeliever is blinded by Satan, who is 'god of this age'? their minds or understanding
- 2CO 11:3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (NKJ)  
\* **How** does Satan attempt to lead us astray? By deceiving us with lying thoughts introduced into our minds
- PRO 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (NKJ)  
\* **HOW** are we to trust in & be directed by God? By our **1. HEART (spirit) or 2. mind, intellect or reasoning?**  
**ANS:** By being led by God's Spirit in OUR spirit (heart), NOT thru our mind by human reasoning or intellect.
- JAM 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the LORD; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. (NIV)
- Write out **ROM 8:5:** For those who live according to the flesh set their MINDS on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be CARNALLY MINDED is death, but to be SPIRITUALLY MINDED is life and peace. (NKJ)
- Faith** is a product of the human spirit or heart, whereas **doubt** or unbelief arises in the mind.  
**Faith** is a spiritual FORCE that can overcome **ANY** obstacle in the natural.  
Being '**double-minded**' means having input from both the mind of the spirit and from the mind of the flesh.
- T F** We are to walk by faith in our hearts, not by sight or reason.  
**T F** The word '**mind**' occurs 95 times in 92 verses in the KJV bible.  
**T F** We choose whether to set our minds on things of the Spirit or things of the flesh. That choice determines our lives and our destiny.  
**T F** Agreeing in your **mind** that the Bible is true, that Jesus died for the sins of mankind and that there is a Heaven and a Hell does **NOT** save you or anyone. Faith does not arise in the **mind**, but in the **heart** of man.  
**T F** This **mental agreement** by church members about the truth of the Bible and the gospel message was called mental assent, and deemed a **counterfeit of faith** by John Wesley.
- ROM 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (NKJ)  
\* **Where** in your being do you believe? In my heart, or spirit, or SPIRITUAL MIND
- MAR 11:22** So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. (NKJ)
- If we allow Satan to keep us in the arena of thought or reason he will beat us every time. If we keep him in the arena of faith, based on God's Word, **WE will beat him and WIN every time**. You can have faith in your heart and still have doubt in your mind.
- ROM 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJ)
- What you think is What you say is What you do is Who you are. Watch your thoughts because they determine your words. Watch your words, because they determine your actions. Watch your actions, because they determine your habits. Watch your habits because they determine your character. Watch your character, because it determines your destiny in this life & eternity.  
**PRO 23:7a** For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. (NKJ)  
**JOS 1:8** "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (NKJ)
- 2CO 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (sarkikos) but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down imagination (thoughts) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (NKJ)

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15. **WHERE** are these **STRONGHOLDS** Satan has in our lives (Q14)? In our minds; what we believe  
**2CO 2:10** Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices (*noema*). (NKJ) **What stronghold** of Satan does this refer to? That of unforgiveness  
**Does Satan** have this stronghold in **your life**? Answer for yourself  
 \* **How** can you apply **2CO 10:3-5** to '**pull down**' this stronghold in your life? I choose to forgive everyone, so that I give no place (Greek = topos) or opportunity to the devil in my life.
16. **T** **F** Any thought I have in my mind is my own thought. It originates within my being.  
**T** **F** Satan attacks us in our minds and emotions by bringing deception and lies. However, they only affect us if we believe and act on those lies.  
**T** **F** All of the oceans on the earth cannot sink my boat unless some of the water gets inside.  
**T** **F** All of the evil & sin in the world cannot sink my soul unless I let it inside me.  
**T** **F** Thoughts are like the birds of the air. You cannot stop them from flying overhead, but you **CAN** stop them from building a nest in your hair!!
17. **T** **F** One of the 'gods' worshipped in western society is that of **Rationalism**.  
**T** **F** The devil or a demon can force you to do his will. God can force you to do His will.  
**T** **F** Neither the devil **NOR** God are sovereign over a man's will.  
**T** **F** God works through people yielded to Him. Satan works through people yielded to him.  
**T** **F** Thoughts that come as sudden impressions on the mind often come from outside ourselves.  
**T** **F** Satan or his demons can only prompt or suggest by planting thoughts in my mind. I decide whether to accept, believe and act on those thoughts.
18. **HEB 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds (*psuche = souls*). (KJV) **Where** does one '**faint**' or '**give up**'? in our minds
19. **MAT 26:41** "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh (*sarx*) is weak." (NKJ)  
 Write out **COL 3:2**: Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. (NKJ)
20. **ALWAYS** remember, Satan's strongholds or '**high places**' in our minds **CAN** be removed and **CAST DOWN**. He will try to **deceive** you into thinking that this is **YOUR** thought or idea. **IT IS NOT!!** They are all lies from the father of lies. Satan's schemes are to convince you that his thoughts and lies are **YOURS** and that they are the **TRUTH**. But they are only his lies. Those lies can still determine our lives if we do not detect and **REMOVE** them!! **HOW** do we detect a lie that is a **STRONGHOLD** in our minds? Test **EVERY** thought against the Word OF God. If it does not agree with the **WORD**, it is a lie and needs to be **CAST DOWN!!**  
**ISA 5:20** Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (NKJ)
21. Write out **ROM 12:1-2**: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your BODIES a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your MIND, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJ)
22. Write out **TIT 1:15**: To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their MIND and CONSCIENCE are defiled. (NKJ)  
 \* Write out **1CO 2:16**: For "who has known the MIND of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we HAVE the MIND of Christ. (NKJ)  
 \* Write out **EPH 4:22**: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (NKJ)
23. **EPH 4:17** This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; (NKJ)
24. **ROM 7:22** For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. (NKJ)
25. **What** are some **LIES from Satan** that you can think of or that he has tried on you? Answer for yourself  
**How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **YOUR** life? Answer for yourself.